

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of subject application are respectfully requested. Claims 1-16 are all the claims pending in the application. Applicant hereby respectfully traverses all the rejections. By this Amendment, Applicant has amended claims 1, 3 and 16 to improve clarity.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 1-16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement (See Office Action: page 2). The Examiner asserts that “[t]he claim(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to enable one skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and/or use the invention.” Applicant respectfully submits that the rejection is improper.

Each of the independent claims 1, 11, 13 and 16 recites, *inter alia*, “wherein said roaming agreement information is transferred independently of messages linked to calls or user equipments.” Applicant respectfully submits that page 18, lines 32-33 of the Specification fully provides the enabling support pertaining to the claimed features (See Specification: page 18, lines 20-33, “...semistatic information is no longer transferred via messages linked to calls or to UEs.”).

Further, Applicant respectfully submits that the noted features of the claims are plainly in line with the descriptions found in the Specification. That is, while the Specification describes that the “[a]ccess rights are usually controlled on the basis of user identification data, such as an international mobile subscriber identity (IMSI) number”, the Specification is also *unambiguous*

in stating that the claimed “roaming agreement” is “generally not available in the terminal or in the radio access network, but is generally centralized in a routing agreement database, for example of the visitor location register (VLR) type, provided in the *core network* [emphasis added]...” (See Specification: page 4, lines 25-27; page 5: lines 7-15). As the claimed “roaming agreement” is stored in the core network and not in the “radio access network” nor in the “user equipments”, the claims recite such transfer of the “roaming agreement” from the core network to the “radio access network” and the “user equipments.”

Applicant respectfully submits that the portion of the Specification cited by the Examiner is in plain support of the above mentioned disclosure found in the remainder of the Specification (See Specification: page 10, line 25 - page 11, line 10). That is, while the cited portion of the Specification indeed describes that the roaming agreement information may be “common to a subset of the international mobile subscriber identity (IMSI) number”, such disclosure does not negate the plain fundamental fact that the roaming agreement must be initially imported from the core network (See Specification: page 8, lines 3-5).

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that the subject matter of claims 1-16 is described in the Specification in such a way as to enable one skilled in the art to make and use the claimed invention. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. § 112 rejection of claims 1-16.

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Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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